mandate of free and compulsory education was drafted and circulated as framework to the States/UTs to seek their comments thereon.

Mid-day meal scheme

1963. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain category of school children are provided mid-day meal at school;

(b) if so, the details with allocation made, spent and the number of beneficiary children, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are reports of such meal being of poor quality and prepared in unhygienic conditions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are considering to allow reputed fast food manufacturers to take over the mid-day meal scheme; and

(f) if so, the details with reaction of the industry to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Mid-Day Meal Scheme covers children studying at primary level (classes I-V) in Government, Local Body and Government-aided schools, and EGS & AIE centres.

(b) Under the scheme, allocation is made for foodgrains component based on coverage of children reported by the States. State-wise details of children covered, foodgrains allocated and lifted during the last three years is given in Statement-I (*See* below). Central assistance was released mainly for cooking cost component from 2004-05 onwards. Assistance released to States during 2004-05 and 2005-06 is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) State-wise details of children affected is given in Statement-III (*See* below).

(e) No, Sir.

(f) In view of (e) above, does not arise.

Statement—I

Children covered, Foodgrains allocated and lifted during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2003-04			2004-05			2005-06		
		Children covered	Foodgrains allocated (in MTs)	Foodgrains lifted (in MTs)	Children covered	Foodgrains Allocated (in MTs)	Foodgrains Lifted (in MTs)	Children covered	Foodgrains Allocated (in MTs)	Foodgrains Lifted (in MTs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	States									
1	Andhra Pradesh	7717673	178278.25	151769.00	9081299	213410.53	2083336.00	6361814	114099.13	115429.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	181606	5448.18	1894.00	177984	3559.68	3010.00	218905	4540.09	3348.00
3	Assam	3210526	96315.78	77420.00	3387583	101627.49	92326.00	4795759	92125.70	75863.00
4	Bihar	8868044	245299.91	170578.00	9791760	195835.20	165976.00	12638429	218070.20	157005.00
5	Chhattisgarh	2828582	56571.64	61806.20	2828582	56571.64	31673.00	2888868	53019.31	53019.31
6	Goa	69647	1253.65	500.00	68489	1232.80	0.00	67225	1411.73	509.00
7	Gujarat	3004496	60089.91	39956.00	3017699	60353.38	54624.00	5132959	87927.46	61781.00
8	Haryana	1578538	45871.00	41770.00	1627834	46075.44	21103.00	1645509	28672.99	14185.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	614847	18445.41	17838.00	590351	17527.02	16657.00	577998	11447.25	10862.00
10	Jammu & Kashmir	738777	22163.31	590.00	831215	24936.45	1020.00	1028425	18757.93	9279.00
11	Jharkhand	2254066	51796.21	22953.00	3335485	83387.13	55049.00	4101554	83103.07	64166.00
12	Karnataka	5349540	145853.18	87412.00	5126042	117558.08	91717.00	4962764	112863.57	82461.00
13	Kerala	2166510	43330.20	43360.00	2116354	42327.08	42386.00	1907000	28223.60	27624.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	7729652	165834.55	149884.00	7649784	159974.50	137728.00	8665342	191080.71	175396.00
15	Maharashtra	9721167	223586.84	184814.00	9665362	222303.33	147542.00	9779283	207809.77	149159.00
16	Manipur	296211	8886.33	7830.00	305695	9170.85	8004.00	295096	6539.33	5797.00

17	Meghalaya	485980	10279.54	9373.00	502573	10051.46	9149.00	597555	10038.92	10038.92
18	Mizoram	94042	1880.84	1876.00	95619	1826.32	1644.00	104300	1837.86	1839.00
19	Nagaland	173598	5207.94	4042.00	173598	3471.96	3994.00	173598	3762.74	3504.00
20	Orissa	4631826	123424.87	113882.00	5151346	135293.02	109465.00	5156154	104110.32	85562.00
21	Punjab	1559682	45490.34	23631.00	1498697	43222.38	29171.00	1552404	28053.43	8382.00
22	Rajasthan	7676153	168919.37	136887.00	7662192	168568.22	123329.00	10215570	196108.30	121494.00
23	Sikkim	76828	1536.56	1289.00	83602	1672.04	1494.00	98000	2126.59	1910.00
24	Tamil Nadu	5529945	110598.90	79313.00	4305932	86118.64	72958.00	4152167	76586.73	63032.00
25	Tripura	453854	9077.08	8908.00	458020	9160.40	9049.00	525645	9882.13	9425.00
26	Uttaranchal	787193	15743.86	19836.00	811204	16224.08	14131.00	779596	14180.85	13963.00
27	Uttar Pradesh	16374892	491246.76	409767.00	16996916	509907.48	450535.00	18644467	335973.30	286190.00
28	West Bengal	10268683	305987.74	251540.00	10326600	302571.85	269526.00	10886311	205424.69	182002.00

Source : Food Corporation of India.

Statement-II

State-wise Central Assistance released towards cooking cost during 2004-05 & 2005-06

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	2004-05 Funds released by Central Govt.	2005-06 Funds released by Central Govt.
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	7,600.98	12441.80
2	Arunachal Pradesh	276.96	396.24
3	Assam	2,310.62	5462.37
4	Bihar	7.081.92	19719.27* (16030.20+3689.07)
5	Chhattisgarh	3,974.28	5204.57
6	Goa	60.42	119.34
7	Gujarat	4,804.29	7157.70
8	Haryana	2,174.32	3464.38
9	Himachal Pradesh	844.96	1429.61
10	Jammu & Kashmir	433.46* (246.85+186.61)	1282.23
11	Jharkhand	2,845.00 * (1620.21+1224.79)	7180.10
12	Karnataka	6,589.93	10704.99
13	Kerala	2,453.00	2890.17
14	Madhya Pradesh	13,258.92	18613.56
15	Maharashtra	13,995.44	12957.16* (7919.95+5037.21)
16	Manipur	218.98	501.43
17	Meghalaya	543.89	687.78
18	Mizoram	112.34 * (63.97+48.37)	104.05
19	Nagaland	246.42	397.66
20	Orissa	7,356.12	4794.81* (1917.52+2877.29)
21	Punjab	1,309.86 * (745.96+563.90)	0.00
22	Rajasthan	13,151.22	11479.63
23	Sikkim	113.50 * (64.64+48.86)	211.52
24	Tamilnadu	5,819.30	8964.30
25	Tripura	701.66	1063.91
26	Uttaranchal	1,233.64	1553.09
27	Uttar Pradesh	17,067.44	35637.00* (29553.00+6084.00)
28	West Bengal	12,280.00 * (6993.37+5286.63)	22756.93
	TOTALF:	128858.87	197175.60

*Amount shown includes balance released in the subsequent year.

Statement III

State-wise details of children affected under Mid-Day Meal Scheme

Sl. No.	State	Children affected
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	85 children were reported ill in 2006. Inquiries were conducted by the State Government, which has reported that in cases where it was provided that the children had fallen ill due to negligence of the implementing agencies, such agencies were replaced. Appropriate warning has also been given to the school authorities to be vigilant.
2.	Jharkhand	The State Government has reported that there were reports from the District Superintendents of Education of Garhwa, Palamu, Dumka, Pakur and Bokaro district about poor quality foodgrains supplied by Food Corporation of India (FCI). The State Government had raised the matter with Senior Officers of FCI to ensure supply of good quality foodgrains. The District Collectors and District Superintendents of Education have been directed not to lift sub-standard/ low quality foodgrains.
3.	Karnataka	The State Government has reported that 1242 children were taken ill in 34 schools. The cooks who were found to be negligent were removed and new cooks appointed.
4.	Maharashtra	The State Government has informed that 208 children fell ill in four districts (temporary uneasiness and vomiting sensation). After enquriy in Jalgaon district, an FIR was filed.
5.	Orissa	The State Government has informed that 39 children of Laxman Nath Primary School of Balasore District fell ill as the cook had mistakenly used Ammonium Sulphate considering it as edible salt. The cook was removed and the headmaster of the school was placed under suspension. In another incident, 15 children of Madhupur Primary School of Cuttak District had fallen ill.

1	2	3
		The State Government has reproted that the Headmaster was placed under suspension.
6.	Rajasthan	The State Government has informed that 10 children were reported ill in Rajasmand district. Appropriate steps were taken by the State Government to terminate the services of the cook and transfer the Head Master and Teachers concerned. In another incident, 61 children were affected in Karauli district. State Government has reported that disciplinary action has been initiated against the Block Development Officer, Additional Chief Executive Officer of Zila Parishad and School Head Master and the Teacher.
7.	Tamil Nadu	The State Government has informed that 77 children were taken ill in Muttavakkam Panchayat Union Primary School of Kancheepuram district. Forensic test revealed that the toor dal used for cooking contained fungus, the presence of which rendered the food unfit for human consumption. The Nutrition Meal Organizer, Cook and Assistant were placed under suspension for negligence.
8.	Uttaranchal	The State Government has reported that 2 children of Gandhinagar Primary School of Nainital District fell ill due to consumption of state food. The headmistress of the school was suspended.
9.	Uttar Pradesh	282 children in four districts were taken ill. complaints were investigated by the State Government and it has reported that appropriate action has been taken.
10.	West Bengal	The State Government has informed that 60 children of Ramchandrapur Primary School of Nadia District fell ill on 28.2.05 due to food poisoning as the food got infected by insecticide spread by an owner of the banana plantation firm located close to the schools. An FIR has been lodged against the owner of the plantation firm.

1	2	3
		In another case, 85 students of Metyadahar Primary School of Paschim Midnipur District fell ill on 4.5.05 afer consumption of mid-Day meal. The State Government has reported that the incident was enquired into and no criminal intention of willful misdeed was found.

As per the reports received from the remaining 18 States, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim and Tripura, no such incident has occurred.

Enquiry against Vice Chancellor of MGIHU

†1964. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to enquire into serious offences against Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University of Vardha has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied this report; and

(d) if so, the status of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Fact Finding Committee, constituted with the approval of the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, to review the work and progress of the University since its inception has submitted its report. Apart from dealing with the tenure of the first Vice Chancellor, the Committee has made certain recommendations in its report with a view to improving the quality of teaching and learning in the University, developing requisite infrastructure on the University Campus, including construction of hostel, residential accommodation for faculty and staff and expansion of library etc. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.